

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2007. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the continued prosecution of the invention identified as a first embodiment as shown in Figs. 1-3 and correspondingly recited in claims 1-4 and 10-12 with traverse. Claims 6-9 and 15-20 are hereby provisionally withdrawn from further consideration in this application, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 is being amended and claims 5 and 13-14 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the above-noted provisional election, Applicant will contend that claim 1 as amended remains generic to all of the identified species.

Applicant respectfully traverse the Examiner's assertion of the claims in the present application being directed to more than one species of a generic invention for the reasons set forth below.

MPEP 806.04(h) sets forth as follows:

In making a requirement for restriction in an application claiming plural species, the examiner should group together species considered clearly unpatentable over each other.

First, the Examiner merely classified each of the first through sixteenth embodiments into individual species. The Examiner did not state that each of the embodiments classified into each individual species would be unobvious, and thus separately patentable over each other. Therefore, this restriction requirement of electing only one embodiment among the first through sixteenth embodiments is not proper.

Second, the embodiments as illustrated in Figs. 1-3, 8 and 8a describe a common concept of "2 left – 2 right arrangement" of the spokes. In the 2 left – 2 right arrangement of the spokes, a first pair of spokes forming a radial element originates from the left hand end of the axle, while the next pair of spokes forming the next radial element originates from the

right hand end of the axle. Figs. 1-3 illustrate an embodiment in which two spokes of each radial element cross each other. Fig. 8 illustrates an embodiment in which two spokes of each radial element is slightly convergent from a hub to a rim. Fig. 8a illustrates an embodiment in which two spokes of each radial element are slightly divergent from a hub to a rim. However, the main feature, among others, of all the embodiments as illustrated in Figs. 1-3, 8 and 8a is the 2 left -2 right arrangement as set forth above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiments as illustrated in Figs. 1-3, 8 and 8a describe a single general inventive concept, and therefore, one species of a generic invention.

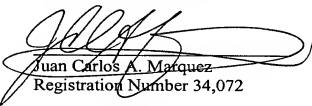
In view of the above-discussed provisional election and traversal, Applicant understands that all the non-elected inventions are hereby withdrawn from further consideration in this application pending consideration of Applicant's traversal. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file divisional applications on such non-elected inventions.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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